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Tymniak Supports Ban on “Pub Crawls”



State Rep. Cathy C. Tymniak, R-133rd, Fairfield, Westport, has testified in favor of legislation she proposed to ban organized “pub crawls,” where patrons drink alcoholic beverages at a series of bars.

A Fairfield University student was killed last year during a Newport, RI, pub crawl, just days before he was to deliver the class of 2004 graduation valedictory address.

Rep. Tymniak’s proposed bill would prohibit establishments that hold a liquor license from knowingly using their establishments to host pub crawls and to fine those permittees who do so.

The proposed bill is being considered by to the legislature’s General Law Committee, which oversees state liquor laws.

“This issue is a very troubling one,” said Rep. Tymniak. “The mixture of alcohol and young people crowding the streets of a particular town can be inherently dangerous. I hope my colleagues in the legislature join me in prohibiting pub crawls in the future.”

Rep. Tymniak said she has received support for the legislation from parents and educators. She noted that the Newport City Council later last year adopted a city ordinance banning pub crawls and imposing a fine of up to \$1,000 and 30 days in jail.